

# Troop 3, Camden Presents a “Year in Review” to the Communities We Serve

**Camden**— The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Administration held a community meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Troop located at 3759 South State Street, Camden.

Troopers were privileged to have hosted a Town Hall Meeting where the public was provided with an overview of the great work done by the men and women of DSP Troop 3 in 2018. Achieving a 36.1% reduction in Robberies, a 28.1% reduction in Burglaries, a 21% reduction in Thefts, as well as a 31.3% reduction in Fatal Crashes simply exemplifies the exceptional work the Troopers are doing.

A huge success in Kent County was the conclusion of a two year investigation into a drug trafficking organization. The organization was responsible for a large scale distribution of cocaine and marijuana in and around the Kent County area. The multi-jurisdictional investigation began in June 2016 and concluded with the arrest or indictment of 20 individuals on over 200 felony charges. The operation included three phases:

- an active warrant round-up phase targeting individuals wanted by law enforcement agencies
- a pro-active criminal enforcement phase targeting drug distribution and street crime
- a follow up community resource and assistance phase

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/01/14/operation-old-school-nets-multiple-arrest-for-drug-trafficking-kent-county/>

Equally important to our crime fighting and traffic enforcement measures is our commitment to suppress and prevent

crime through our Community Outreach and Engagement efforts. In 2018, Troop 3 embarked on several community based programs to build trust, open lines of communication, foster positive and open relationships that are inclusive of all citizens and the police, all aimed at crime reduction and making our communities as safe as possible. Programs such as STaRS (State Troopers actively Reaching Students), Honorary Commander, Community Café's, It's "Cool" to go back to School, and having our Mounted Patrol Unit patrolling on horseback in many of our communities. These pro-active efforts allow our troopers to engage the community in non-traditional law enforcement ways that leads to a better understanding of the Delaware State Police, builds trust amongst our communities, and legitimizes our role as law enforcement officers while providing a better understanding of the various cultures that exist within our communities across Kent County.







We truly appreciate and thank all those in attendance including Representative Lyndon Yearick for joining us to learn more about DSP Troop 3!

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